hereto, ordering the refund of customs duty collected on State Property between the commencement of the constitution and the enactment of the Sea Customs and Central Excise and Salt (Amendment) Act, 1951. You are requested to prepare a statement of Imports made during the above period and duty paid thereon. The Collector of Customs, Madras, may be requested with a copy of the statement to refund the same. The relative bills of entry forwarded to you by the Stores Purchase Committee along with the other clearing bills may be kept ready in case the customs authorities require the same for their reference.

COPY OF THE LETTER.

"I am directed to state that the exemption granted to the property and income of the State from Union taxation, *vide* Article 289 (1) and (2) of the Constitution, is, in so far as Customs and Central Excise Duties are concerned, governed with effect from August 27th, 1951, by the Sea Customs and Central Excises and Salt (Amendment) Act, 1951. As a result, even goods imported by State Governments which were exempted from payment of duty by virtue of Article 289 (1) of the Constitution will again become liable to duty and will be governed by the provisions of the Sea Customs and Central Excises and Salt (Amendment) Act, 1951. I am to add that as the amending Act does not have retrospective effect, duties of customs and excise collected on State Property between the date of commencement of the Constitution and the enactment of the Sea Customs and Central Excises and Salt (Amendment) Act, 1951 are in contravention of the provisions of Article 289 (1) of the Constitution and claims for refund of duty paid are admissible."

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Dated 15th December 1952.

NOTICE.

Enquiry No. 11284.

No. S.P.C. 38614-43. Sealed tenders will be received before 28th of January 1953, by the Secretary, Stores Purchase Committee, for the supply of DPC/DCC Copper Wire of about 1,20,000 lbs.

Intending tenderers may, on application to the Secretary, Stores Purchase Committee, obtain the requisite tender forms on which tenders should be submitted. Applications should be accompanied by a cash remittance of Rs. 30 which is the price fixed for a set of forms and which is not refundable.

Cheques and postage stamps will not be accepted towards the cost of forms nor will the forms be sent by V.P.P.

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Dated 16th December 1952.

To

The firms dealing in Sulphate of Alumina.

Enquiry No. 11363.

Re: Supply of Sulphate of Alumina to the Water Supply Divisions.

Gentlemen,

No. S.P.C. 38841-70. Please be good enough to intimate your best present day prices for the material described below—

500 tons of Sulphate of Alumina for delivery f.o.r. Bangalore, per month.
(The rate offered should include all incidental costs.)
Time of delivery should be specified.

The Sulphate of Alumina to be quoted should strictly conform to the following specifications.—

"Lump Sulphate ranging in size not less than 3/4" not more than 3" slab. Brick supply shall not be accepted.

Chemical requirements—

1 The material shall be basic.
2 It shall contain not less than 17 per cent available Al_2O_3.
3 It shall not contain more than 0·75 per cent iron Fe_2O_3.
4 Insoluble matter shall not exceed 0.5 per cent of material insoluble in distilled water.
5 It shall be free from Arsenic or other poisonous metals."

Regarding size, the specification is as follows :—

Small lumps sulphate of alumina shall be free from all chips, string, piece of sacking, etc., and shall be of such a size that 100 per cent shall pass a sieve having 4 meshes per linear inch and 96 per cent shall remain on No. 10 Mesh and shall be practically free of all powder. The material shall be packed in strong, new double gunny bags or in barrels.

The Secretary, Stores Purchase Committee, is at liberty either to order the entire quantity from a single firm or to distribute the same among two or more firms.

The material should be delivered at Bangalore carefully packed and insured against all risks including losses during transit up to destination stations. In the event of the material being found short or defective on arrival, the contractors shall be required to make good the losses or to replace the defective material by the correct one without extra charge.

Duplicate samples of materials proposed for supply should accompany the tender. The full name and addresses of the manufacturers should be clearely specified. The Stores Purchase Committee will also reserve the right to arrange, if necessary, for check tests on samples taken from the supplies. The cost of such tests, *viz.*, Rs. 25 per test should be borne by the contractors. Tenders not satisfying these conditions shall not be considered.

In the event of failure to execute the contract satisfactorily and in time, the Stores Purchase Committee will be at liberty to cancel the contract and to make purchases from other sources, the extra cost, if any, incurred thereby being debited to the defaulting contractors. The Committee further reserve the right to levy from the defaulting contractors a penalty of 3 per cent of the contract price as and by way of liquidated damages either for delay or unsatisfactory supplies.

In case of dispute as regards the proper performance of the contract, the decision of the Stores Purchase Committee shall be final.

Tenders should be submitted in sealed covers bearing the superscription "Tender for supply of Sulphate of Alumina" and addressed to the Secretary, Stores Purchase Committee, Bangalore City, not later than 12th January 1953.

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Dated 16th December 1952.

To

The Firms dealing in Tar Boilers.

Enquiry No. 11364.

Subject:—Tar and Bitumen Boiler.

Gentlemen,

No. S.P.C. 38822-40. Please be good enough to intimate your best prices and the earliest time of delivery for the materials described in the undermentioned schedule, in the form printed below.

It should be distinctly understood that the acceptance by us of your quotation will be subject to the following conditions :—

Withdrawal from the quotation after it is accepted or failure to make the supply within the specified time or according to specifications will entail cancellations of the order and purchases being made at your expense from other sources in addition to the levy of a penalty of 3 per cent of the value of the order as and by way of liquidated damages. In such an event, the Stores Purchase Committee reserve the right to remove your name from the list of approved firms.

The quotations should be superscribed "Quotations for Tar and Bitumen Boiler" with the above enquiry number.